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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 10-240461 discloses that a server receiver content of a print job to be set a optimum parameter is connected through a network and a print is performed based on the parameter changed setting and is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-203079 discloses that it is confirmed whether or not the latest control software exists in a server connected to a network at a time a power source of a printer is turned on and when the latest control software exists, updating process is performed and is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-170669 discloses that a host computer and a printer are connected by using an interactive interface, the printer has necessary information of the host as a positional information on the internet, and the host is transmitted information from a server on the internet through the interactive interface and is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

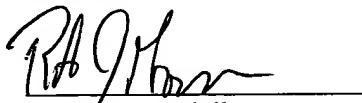
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-161707 discloses to transmit a control program by using a www browser and is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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		10-240461	Sep. 11, 1998	Japan			X
		11-203079	Jul. 30, 1999	Japan			X
		11-170669	Jun. 29, 1999	Japan			X
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